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1. FOLLOWING ARE SHORT BIOGRAPHIC NOTES ON IMPORTANT NEW CABINET APPOINTEES.

MIN PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT - DR. IBRAHIM HILMI ABD AL-RABMAN: RETURNED TO CAIRO FOUR MONTHS AGO AS SCIENCE ADVISOR TO FORMER PRIMIN HEGAZI AFTER EIGHT YEARS AS EXEC SEC FOR UNIDO. HAS HELD SEVERAL OTHER UN AND GOE POSTS IN FIELDS OF PLANNING AND ECONOMY. SAID TO BE FORCEFUL AND EFFICIENT MANAGER. EDUCATED AT CAMBRIDGE AND CAIRO UNIVERSITIES. 56 YEARS OLD.

2. MINFIN - DR. AHMAD ABU ISMA'IL: CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE AND CAIRO UNIVERSITY'S DEAN OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. (RESIGNED LATTER POST LESS THAN A MONTH AGO.) PRIOR TO ELECTION TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY IN 1971, DR. ABU ISMA'IL HEADED ECONOMIC DEPT AT UNIVERSITY OF KUWAIT, HE IS PROPONENT OF GRADUAL TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SECTOR TO PRIVATE HANDS. EDUCATED IN ENGLAND. 50 YEARS OLD.

3. MIN ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION - DR. HUHAMMAD ZAKI SHAF'I: EDUCATED AT PRINCETON, DR. SHAF'I IS WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY-RESPECTED ARAB ECONOMIST. HE WAS CAIRO UNIVERSITY'S FIRST DEAN OF FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HAS SERVED AS ADVISOR TO UN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH AT EGYPTIAN CENTRAL BANK AND MOST RECENTLY ARAB LEAGUE'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. 53 YEARS OLD.

4. MIN INT - MAJ. GEN. HUSAYN FAHMI: DEP MIN INT SINCE FEB. 1974
GENERAL FAHMI HAS HAD LONG CAREER IN POLICE AND SECURITY. HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED PROFESSIONAL AND IS KNOWN FOR MANAGERIAL SKILLS. 53 YEARS OLD.

5. MIN MANPOWER- ABD AL-LATIF BULTIA: HELD SAME POST 1970-71.
ELECTED DEP. SPEAKER OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY IN 1970 AND SEC GEN OF INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ARAB TRADE UNIONS IN MAY 1972.
HAS SERVED IN SEVERAL TRADE UNION POSTS THROUGHOUT CAREER.
EDUCATED IN EGYPT. 47 YEARS OLD.

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6. MIN JUSTICE - 'ADIL YUNIS: WELL-KNOWN ARAB JURIST, YUNIS COMES FROM POST AS PRESIDENT OF SUPREME FEDERAL COURT IN UAE. PREVIOUSLY PRESIDENT OF COURT OF CASSATION AND MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH HEARD, AMONG OTHERS, CASE OF ASSASSINATION OF CEYLON'S LATE PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE. 65 YEARS OLD.

7. MIN CIVIL AVIATION - HAMDI ABU ZAYD: GRADUATE OF EGYPTIAN AIR COLLEGE. CAREER SINCE 1962 HAS CONSISTED OF SEVERAL AMBASSADORIAL

POSTS (YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO, SYRIA). QUALIFICATIONS IN AVIATION
UNKNOWN. AGE UNKNOWN.

8. MIN TRANSPORT - MUHAMMAD GAMAL AL-DIN SIDQI: ENGINEERING GRADUATE
OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY, SIDQI SERVED IN MAINTENANCE IN EGYPTIAN MILITARY
UNTIL APPOINTED COMMANDER OF ARMORED CORPS ON JUNE 11, 1967.
APPOINTED TO CURRENT POST FROM ASST TO MIN WAR FOR TECHNICAL
AFFAIRS AND PROVISIONS PLANNING. 56 YEARS OLD.

9. MIN COMMUNICATION - MUHAMMAD KAMAL AL-DIN HASANAYN: HAS WORKED
CHIEFLY IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD. APOOINTED DIRGEN FOR TECHNICAL
AFFAIRS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IN 1964. LOANED IN 1971 TO
UN'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY AS ITS ME EXPERT. EDUCATED AT
CAIRO UNIVERSITY. 53 YEARS OLD.

10. MIN TRADE - ZAKARIA TAWFIQ ABD AL-FATTAH: CHAIRMAN OF
COTTON ORGANIZATION. CAREER HAS BEEN ENTIRELY IN PUBLIC
SECTOR. IS OUTSPOKEN AND FORCEFUL SUPPORTER OF OWN POLICIES;
WILL READILY DO BATTLE WITHIN GOE OVER THOSE HE DISAGREES WITH.
EMBASSY HAS FOUND HIM EASY TO WORK WITH. 55 YEARS OLD.

11. MIN INDUSTRY - 'ISA ABD AL-HAMID SHAHIN: CAREER HAS BEEN
IN COTTON TEXTILES. HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF TWO GOE SPINNING AND
WEAVING COMPANIES SINCE 1962. HE IS ALSO ALEXANDRIS'S ASU
SECRETARY. WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL DURING RECENT TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS
IN CLARIFYING HIS COLLEAGUES' CONFUSED POSITIONS. EDUCATED IN
EGYPT AND ENGLAND. 56 YEEARS OLD.
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